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5. BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) ASKED UK REP FOR HIS VIEW OF EXACT
MEANING IN NAC GUIDANCE OF PHRASE IN PARA C(2) OF NAC GUIDANCE
"... THE ALLIES' OBJECTIVE WOULD BE A SHORT AGREED COMMUNIQUE
SPECIFYING THE DATE, PLACE AND DESCRIPTION OF THE SUBSTANTIVE
NEGOTIATIONS, AND FULLY PRESERVING THE ALLIES POSITION." SHOULD
AGREEMENT REACHED WITH THE EAST ON THE AGENDA NOT BE CONSISTENT
WITH THE GAP, WOULD THIS NOT MEAN THERE WOULD BE ONLY AN OVERALL
REFERENCE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE TALKS IN THE COMMUNIQUE

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RATHER THAN REFERENCE TO SELECTED ITEMS? UK REPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO SAY AT THIS POINT.

6. CARRY- OVER ISSUE: GROUP TURNED TO EXAMINATION OF THE TEXT OF STATEMENTS TO BE EXCHANGED ON THE CARRY- OVER ISSUE. CHAIRMAN READ TEXT OF STATEMENTS TO BE MADE BY ALLIED AND EASTERN SPOKESMEN. UK REP PORPOSED ON INSTRUCTION THAT PHRASE " UNLESS LATER MODIFIED BY CONSENSUS," BE ADDED TO END OF WESTERN STATEMENT, NOTING IN REPLY TO ITALIAN REP' S QUERY THAT THE REASON FOR THIS ADDITION WAS ENTIGROUND STATEMENT TO BE MADE BY NETHERLANDS REP AFTER PLENARY AND SETTLED ON PROCEDURES FOR INVITING MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN AND NEUTRAL PRESS TO ATTEND THE BACKGROUNDER. END SUMMARY.

2. UK POSITION ON CARY- OVER ISSUE: CHAIRMAN (QUARLES NETHERLANDS REP) OPEN MEETING BY TURNING GROUPS' S ATTENTION TO TEXT OF DRAFT PRESS STATEMENT TO BE DELIVERED BY HIM AS A BACKGROUNDER FOR SELECTED MEMBERS OF WESTERN AND NEUTRAL PRESS (SEE PARAS 11-13 BELOW). MIDWAY THROUGH THE DISCUSSION, UK REP (THOMSON), HAVING JUST RETURNED FROM LONDON, JOINED GROUP AND DELIVERED THE UK POSITION ON CARRY- OVER ISSUE. UK REP BEGAN BY SAYING THAT ISSUE HAD RECIEVED HIGH- LEVEL ATTENTION. A DECISION HAD NOT BEEN EASY TO REACH AND THERE HAD BEEN CONSIDERABLE AND INTENSE DEBATE ABOUT IT. HIS AUTHORITIES, UK REP SAID, HAD NOT BEEN HAPPY ABOUT FORMULAE PUT TO SOVIETS IN THE LATEST QUADRILATERAL MEETING O MAY 4. IN FACT, THEIR FIRST REACTION HAD BEEN TO BRING THE ENTIRE ISSUE TO THE NAC ONCE MORE. HIS AUTHORITIES ATTACHED EQUAL IMPORTANCE TO PARAS A THROUGH D OF THE NAC OF APRIL 27 GUIDANCE. IN THEIR VIEW, THE SOVIET POSITION FAVORED THE EASTERN SIDE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE WEST. IF THE SOVIETS SUCCEEDED NOW IN OBTAINING THEIR CARRY- OVER OBJECTIVES, IT COULD MAKE THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FALL HARDER IN BOTH A SUBSTANTIVE AND TACTICAL SENSE. IF THE WEST WERE TO GIVE WAY NOW ON THIS ISSUE, IT COULD MEAN THAT SOVIET PRESSURES WERE SUCCESSFUL ONCE MORE. GIVING IN ONCE AGAIN TO THE SOVIETS WAS NOT THE WAY, IN THE VIEW OF HIS AUTHORITIES, TO HAVE SUCCESSFUL MBFR NEGOTIATIONS.

3. UK REP WENT ON TO SAY THAT HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE SOVIET REP KHLESTOV BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE ON MAY 5 HAD BEEN

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HELPFUL IN EXPLAINING THE SITUATION TO HIS AUTHORITIES. WHEN THE UK AGREED TO ACCEPT PARA A OF NAC GUIDANCE OF APRIL 27, THERE HAD BEEN NO CONSENSUS IN NAC REGARDING THE INVITATION OF NEUTRALS AND THE EXCHANGE OF ADDITIONAL WRITTEN STATEMENTS. HOWEVER, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE ALLIES WERE NOW FACED WITH ADDITIONAL SOVIET DEMANDS, THE UK WAS, IN THE INTEREST OF ALLIED UNITY,

READY TO FALL IN WITH THE WISHES OF THE MAJORITY ON THE CARRY-OVER ISSUE. BUT IN DOING THIS, UK REP SAID, TWO CONDITIONS HAD TO BE MET, THE FIRST WAS TO MAKE SURE THAT MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WERE FULLY AGREED ON THE BEST TEXT POSSIBLE FOR DEALING WITH THE CARRY-OVER ISSUE AND THE PROCEDURES AND PARTICIPATION ARRANGEMENTS. THE SECOND WAS TO ENSURE THAT, IN RETURN FOR MEETING

THE ADDITIONAL SOVIET DEMANDS ON THE CARRY-OVER ISSUE, THE WEST SEEK TO OBTAIN SOVIET AGREEMENT BY THE END OF MAY TO A PACKAGE COMPRISING THE REMAINING ITEMS OF DATE, PLACE, AND DESCRIPTION FOR THE TALKS. THIS SECOND CONSIDERATION, UK REP MADE CLEAR, MUST BE CONSISTENT WITH PARAS B, C, AND D OF THE NAC GUIDANCE.

4. CANADIAN REP (GRANDE) SAID THAT WHILE GROUP COULD AIM AT OBTAINING A PACKAGE AS PROPOSED BY THE UK REP, THE PROBLEM STILL REMAINS WHAT TO DO IF THIS OBJECTIVE CANNOT BE MET. SHOULD THE MATTER BE REFERRED TO NATO AND NATIONAL AUTHORITIES IN THAT CASE? UK REP REPLIED THAT THE POSITION OF HIS GOVERNMENT WAS BASED ON WHAT THE NAC HAD ALREADY AGREED TO. HE ONLY WANTED TO AVOID ANOTHER MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT WHAT THE NAC HAD SAID. CHAIRMAN NOTED AT THIS POINT THAT THE UK POSITION WAS IN FULL ACCORD WITH SCENARIO ALREADY WORKED OUT BY THE GROUP FOR PRESENTING THE AGENDA ITEMS TO THE EAST. US, NETHERLANDS, AND FRG (RUTH) REPS THEN EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE UK HAVING MADE ITS DECISION IN CONFORMITY WITH INTERESTS OF ALLIED UNITY AND THANKED THOMSON FOR HIS PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION TO OUTCOME

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GROUP WOULD GIVE ITS EMISSARIES FLEXIBILITY TO DEVELOP
ALTERNATIVE FALL- BACKS OR WOULD IT REQUIRE THEM TO
FIRST REPORT BACK TO THE GROUP. GROUP AGREED THAT THIS
WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY AND THAT WESTERN EMISSARIES
SHOULD ATTEMPT TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIETS IN
ONE ROUND.

10. NEXT MOVE: CHAIRMAN ASKED WHETHER GROUP WOULD
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CONSIDER A PLENARY ON MAY 11 OR MAY 14, ASSUMING
SOVIETS WOULD AGREE TO WESTERN PROPOSAL FOR HANDLING
CARRY- OVER ISSUE AND REMAINING ITEMS OF DATE
PLACE AND DESCRIPTION. FRG REP NOTED THAT EDITORIAL
GROUP HAD NOT YET MET TO REVIEW OFFICIAL LANGUAGE
TRANSLATIONS OF FIRST PLENARY RECORD. ACCORDINGLY,
GROUP AGREED THAT PLENARY WOULD BE TENTATIVELY SET FOR
1000 HOURS, MONDAY, MAY 14. IF SOVIETS AGREED, AUSTRIANS
WOULD BE INFORMED THIS EVENING. US AND NETHERLANDS
AGREED TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH EASTERN SPOKESMAN
DURING AFTERNOON OF MAY 9, AND NEXT MEETING OF AD HOC
GROUP WAS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 1800 HOURS AT THE
GERMAN EMBASSY TO HEAR REPORT CAUSE IT WILL BE-- BASED ON MY
PAST EXPERIENCE -- THE MOST IMPORTANT AND PRODUCTIVE WORKING
SESSION COMBINED WITH THE SECY' S TALK WITH THE PRES AND THE SESSION
WITH THE ECONOMIC QUOTE CABINET UNQUOTE THAT FOLLS.

4. VAZQUEZ IS READY TO MAKE ALL ALLOWANCES FOR SHORTENING TIME
AND EFFORT RELATING TO SECY' S DINNER SUCH AS STARTING DRINKS AT
7:30 PM, SIT DOWN AT 8 PM AND EVEN TO DEPARTING AT 9:30 PM,
IF THIS WERE NECESSARY BUT WOULD NOT YIELD OTHERWISE.

5. MY STRONG RECOMMENDATION IS FOR THE SECY TO ACCEPT FOREIGN
MIN' S PROPOSAL EVEN IF NEED BE CUT OTHER EVENTS FROM PROGRAM
OTHER THAN WORKING SESSIONS WITH HIM AND PRES.

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16. COMMON NATO FACILITY: NATO INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT
(HILL) CIRCULATED QUESTIONNAIRE ON
SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMON NATO FACILITY FOR USE DURING
THE NEGOTIATIONS IN THE FALL. CHAIRMAN
COMMENTED THAT NATO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REP (LUFF)
SHOULD COME TO VIENNA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO BEGIN INTERNAL
RESEARCH WITHIN AD HOC GROUP CONCERNING POSSIBLE COMMON
FACILITY. GROUP AGREED AND MEETING ADJOURNED. HUMES

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